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TRI-CITIES AIRPORT AWARDED GRANT FOR SNOW REMOVAL

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the Federal Aviation Administration has awarded an Airport Improvement Program grant of \$81,000 to Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott. The funds will be used to acquire badly needed snow removal equipment.

"Safety must always be the number one consideration at any airport," said Hinchey. "This grant helps Tri-Cities Airport to maintain the highest safety standards. Keeping up the quality of the airport is also vital to the area's economic health."

The FAA found that Tri-Cities Airport needed improved snow removal equipment in order to stay open in the winter. The current equipment is inadequate and replacement parts are often expensive and difficult to obtain.

"The Tri-Cities Airport has been using a snow plow truck from the 1960's and it is at the end of its service life," explained Douglas Goodrich, President and General Manager of Goodrich Aviation, which operates the airport for the Village of Endicott. "Thanks to this grant the Village of Endicott will be able to replace this truck for a local matching investment of only \$4,500. This new truck will greatly improve snow removal time, making the airport much safer while lowering our equipment maintenance costs."

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is a grant program that provides federal funding for eligible projects at public-use airports that are listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

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